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Applicants: Gabel Chong and Achintya Bhowmik

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For: Three-Dimensional Tapered **Optical Waveguides and Methods**

of Manufacture Thereof

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL (37 C.F.R. § 1.116)

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the final office action mailed on November 18, 2003, applicants presents the following remarks: